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Albanian Officers Training Abroad

1. At the present time, 35 Albanian officers, ranging in rank from lieutenant to major, are receiving training in the Soviet Union (Odessa). Three Albanian lieutenant colonels, representing the infantry, artillery and the air force respectively, have been ordered to Moscow for training at the Frunze Military Academy. Ten Albanian naval officers have been stationed at the Bulgarian port of Varna for several months.

Albanian Participation in the Greek Rebel Army

2. About 150 non-commissioned officers of the infantry and artillery branches of the Albanian Army have been incorporated in the "First of October Legion" of the Greek Rebel forces, and are currently operating with that unit in Bulgaria and Macedonia.

Reorganization of Albanian Army

3. The Albanian infantry is currently being reorganized by five Soviet experts. The artillery elements have been withdrawn from infantry divisions in order to be formed into independent units, which will be used to support the Greek Rebel troops in the south.

Coastal Fortifications

4. Fortification of Saseno Island and Kep i Gjuhezes (Cape Linguetta) continues. German prisoners of war are being used to build underground case-mates. Up to now, 45 cannons, with ranges of from two and a half to eight kilometers, have been emplaced in covered positions. Saseno also has a radar station.
5. Coastal areas in the Sarande and Himare regions are also being fortified.

Harbor Defenses and Improvements

6. The capacity of the harbor of Durres, currently estimated to be 60,000 tons monthly, is being enlarged. This port is used exclusively for the

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unloading of supplies necessary to the Albanian economy.

7. The ports of Shengjin, Sarande and Vlone are being provided with additional piers and defensive installations. These three ports have been used by Soviet ships which, up to 1 December 1948, have been regularly transporting supplies for the Greek Rebel forces.

Dredging of Bojana River

8. The Bojana River is currently being dredged under the supervision of Soviet experts.

Pro-Yugoslavs in Albanian Army

9. The Albanian Army includes a strong group of pro-Yugoslav followers of Dusan Mugochi (sic), who before the Tito-Cominform rift was a Yugoslav military advisor with the Albanian Army.

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